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The Final Office Action (Paper #20), mailed September 25, 2002, has been vacated. The action has been vacated because the Final Office Action was mailed during Applicant's three-month suspension of action, filed August 5, 2002. Prosecution on this application is suspended until November 5, 2002.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin R Kruer whose telephone number is 703-305-0025. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.

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The request for deferral/suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103 has been approved.